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For : CHIMERIC DNA-BINDING/DNA METHYLTRANSFERASE NUCLEIC ACID AND POLYPEPTIDE AND USES THEREOF

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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO MARCH 10, 2000 OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment is submitted in reply to the March 10, 2000 Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A reply to the March 10, 2000 Office Action is due April 10, 2000. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the specification:

~~On page 5, line 20, after "1994" insert --(SEQ ID NO:1)--.~~

~~On page 9, line 28, after "protein" insert --(SEQ ID NO:8)--.~~

~~On page 9, line 35, after "pcDNA3.1/His/A" insert (SEQ ID NOS:2-7)--.~~

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to include references to SEQ ID NOS and this amendment raises no issue of new matter.